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MEDICAL ATTENDANCE RULES - Need for Stict observance - Letter from the Government of India - Recorded.

No.F.6-239/47-M.II.
Government of India.
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 22nd March 1948.

From

R.F. Isar, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments.

Subject: MEDICAL ATTENDANCE RULES - NEED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE.

Sir,

I am directed to say that it has come to the notice of the Government of India that there have been instances where the provisions of the Secretary of State's Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1938 and the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 were not strictly observed by the Provincial Medical Officers appointed as authorised medical attendants of Central Government servants and their families. Consequently in order to avoid undue hard-ships in certain cases, Government have been obliged to relax the rules as a special case. As the concession of free medical attendance and treatment at hospitals has been extended to the families of Central Government servants, it is desirable that the provisions of the relevant medical attendance rules and the instructions contained in the Ministry of Finance Office Memoranda Nos. 12(6)W.II/45, dated the 18th April 1945 and 22nd January 1946 and F.44(53)-Est.V/46 dated the 30th September 1946 (copies enclosed) should be strictly observed by the Provincial medical officers in future. I am accordingly to request that if there is no objection, the provisions of the medical attendance rules and orders, be brought to the notice of the medical officers concerned and the need for the strict adherence to the procedure prescribed therein impressed upon them particularly with reference to the following points:-

(i) Pathological, Bacteriological, radiological or other methods of examination for the purpose of diagnosis should be carried out only at a Government hospital or laboratory VIDE rule 2(a)(i) of the Secretary of State's Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1938 and rule 2(e)(i) and (ii) of the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944.

(ii) The Provisions of rule 2(e)(ii) and 6 (i) of the Secretary of State's Services and rules, 2(e) and 7(i) of the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules should be stictly observed i.e, as required therein the approval of the Chief Administrative Medical Officers should be obtained in all cases falling within the scope of the said rules irrespective of whether a journey involving the grant of travelling allowance is undertaken or not for the purpose of consulting a specialist. A patient should not be referred to a private specialist, practitioner or clinic, and under no circumstances to a specialist or medical officer, Government or private, outside the province or district-province in the case of officers governed by the Secretary of State's Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1938, and those included in Rule 2(a)(i) of the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules and district in the case of other Government servants.

(iii) A patient should not be admitted to a hospital or nursing home which does not come within the scope of rules 2(d) of the Secretary of State's Services and Central Services Medical Attendance Rules or which is not included in the Annexure to the Finance Department Office Memorandum No. 12(6)W.II/45 dated the 22nd January, 1946, as subsequently modified from time to time.

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(iv) Special nursing is admissible only in the case of officers governed by the Secretary of State's Services (Medical Attendance) Rules.

(v) Treatment by a private dentist is not covered by the Medical Attendance Rules.

(vi)In the case of medical attendance or treatment received by a number of a Central Government servant's family at the residence of the patient or at the consulting room of a medical officer who is not the authorised medical attendant of the Government servant all charges are payable by the Government servant, no reimbursement being allowed by Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. R.F.Isar,
Deputy Secretary.

No.F.6-239/47-M.II.

Copy forwarded to the Director General of Health Services with the request that similar instructions should be issued to the medical authorities in the Centrally Administered Areas.

By Order,
Sd(Harbans Singh)
Asst.Secretary.

E.&.P.H. /G.1

Orders/Mis. 1115,P.H. dt. 7-4-48.

Recorded and communicated to the Surgeon General for information and necessary action. His attention is in this connection invited to GoQNo.s. 1721,P.H.,dt.27-6-45 and 3426,P.H.dt.28-11-46.

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To the Surgeon General with copies of letters.

Government of India.
Finance Department.

No.F.12(6)-W.II/45. New Delhi,the 18th April,1945.

Office Memorandum.

Sub: Medical Attendance and treatment at hospitals - grant of concession to families of Government servants.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Governor General in Council has decided that families of Central Government servants should be entitled free of charge to medical attendance and treatment at hospitals, as defined in the relevant Medical attendance rules applicable to the Government servant concerned,and on the scale and conditions allowed to the Government servant himself in each case. This concession does not include medical attendance or treatment other than at a hospital at which the Government servant himself is entitled to treatment free of charge. The term "family" means a Government servant's wife, legitimate children and step-children residing with and wholly dependent on him.

2. These orders will have effect in respect of treatment and attendance received from and after the 1st January, 1945 until further notice.

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3. The Secretary of State has approved the grant of this concession in so far as officers subject to his rule-making control are concerned.

Sd. K.R.P.Aiyangar,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

All Departments of the Government of India and Secretariats of the Governor General.

No.12(6)-W.II/45.
Government of India
Finance Department
New Delhi, the 22nd January, 1946.

Office Memorandum.

Sub: Medical attendance and treatment at hospitals - grant of concession to families of Government servants.

In continuation of this Department Office Memorandum No. F.12(6)-WII/45, dated the 18th April, 1945, on the subject noted above, the undersigned is directed to say that the following decisions have been arrived at in regard to the application of the orders contained therein for providing free medical attendance and treatment to families of Government servants:-

(1) Charges for services rendered in connection with medical attendance on or treatment of, a member of a Government servant's family should be paid by him to the hospital authorities. The Central Government will reimburse the cost of medical attendance or treatment on the production of the hospital bills counter-signed save in the case of such bills of a Government hospital, by the authorised medical attendant.

Note 1: A Government hospital for this purpose includes a hospital maintained by a local authority.

Note 2: In the case of Central Government hospitals and in cases where the authorities incharge of a Provincial hospital or a hospital maintained from local funds so agree, the bill for the treatment of a Gover ment servant's family shall be sent direct to the Heads of his Department or office for reimbursement.

Note 3: In respect of all cases arising after 1st February 1946 the condition of counter-signature of hospital bills by the authorised medical attendant will be strictly enforced.

2. Medical attendance and treatment by arrangement with the authorised medical attendant at a consulting-room maintained by him shall be deemed to be medical attendance and treatment at hospital for the purposes of the Office Memorandum referred to above

3. Free medical attendance and treatment to the members of the families of the Government servants shall also be admissible inthe hospitals mentioned in the annexure to this Office Memo but the amounts paid on this account by Government servant to the hospital authorities should be re-imbursed to him only in the matter stated in clause (1) above.

4. For the purposes of the Office Memorandum referred to above medical treatment shall include confinement of a Government servant's wife in a hospital. Pre-natal and post-natal treatment at the Officer's house will not be included.

5. Until further orders during the currency of the present Office Memorandum diet charges paid at hospitals for officials drawing pay of less than 100 p.m. and their families as in-patients shall be reimbursed by the Central Govt.

Sd. K.R.P. Aiyangar,
Dy.Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

All Departments of the Government of India and Secretariats of the Governor General.

ANNEXURE.

BOMBAY. Bai Mattibai and Patit Hospitals Cama and Albless Hospitals Moha.Haji Sabu Sidik Maternity Home Kamar Khanum Maternity Home.
DELHI. Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital Victoria Zenana Hospital St. Stephens Mission Hospital.
SIMLA. Lady Reading Hospital.
LAHORE. Lady Willingdon Hospital, Lady Aitchison Hospital.
MADRAS. Victoria Caste Gosha Hospital, Government Hospital for women and Children.

No.F.44(53)-Est.V/46.
Government of India-Finance Department.
New Delhi, the 30th September, 1946.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

SUBJECT: Medical attendance and treatment at hospitals - Grant of concession to families of Government servants.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to this Department Office Memo. No.F.12(6)-W.II/45, dated the 22nd January 1946 on the above subject. It has been decided that the condition in Note III to sub-para (1) regarding the countersingature of hospital bills by the authorised medical attendant need not be enforced in the case of women patients, and that in their case, the countersignature of bills, (or of the receipts where the bill system is not in vogue and receipts are issued for payments), by the superintendent or other head of the hospital will be regarded as sufficient.

2. The above orders and those conveyed in this Department Office Memo.No.12(6)-W.II/45, dated the 22nd January 1946 will apply to all pending cases also.

Sd. x x
Dy.Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To All Departments of the Government of India including Financial Adviser, War and Supply.

/True copies/

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

PSR. 29-6-53.

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